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Kennedy	10/22	Deptel 961 to Moscow, 10/21; Deptel 962, 10/22; Deptel 965, 10/22.	Copy of speech; statement of our position.	No
Khrushchev	10/23	Embtel 1042, 10/23.	Response; claim that US violates UN charter, etc.; armaments are for defense only.	No
Kennedy	10/23	Deptel 985 to Moscow, 10/23.	Soviet Union started this; show prudence; notice of quarantine.	No
Khrushchev	10/24	Embtel 1070, 10/25 (2 a.m.).	Put yourself in my shoes; USSR must reject US demands; Soviets cannot accept "blockade".	No
Kennedy	10/25	Deptel 997, 10/25.	You don't understand what moved us; contrast between Soviet's "solemn assurances" and setting up bases in Cuba.	No

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Khrushchev	10/26	Embtel 1101 10/26	Weapons not offensive; "let us normalize relations"; ref to U Thant appeal; "we only wanted to help Cuba"; if US assurance given not to attack Cuba, "this would immediately change everything". I propose: we declare not to carry armaments to Cuba; you declare not to invade Cuba; need for our military specialists in Cuba would disappear.	No
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Khrushchev	10/27	FBIS	Turkey for Cuba.	
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broadcast.

(Following broadcast of this letter, White House issued statement on October 27 referring to "several inconsistent and conflicting proposals" from Moscow in previous 24 hours.)

Kennedy	10/27	Deptel 1015	Reply to 10/26 letter. First thing is stop work on bases in Cuba and render inoperable weapons systems in Cuba. Cites elements Khrushchev proposals in 10/26 letter. No reason we should not be able complete these arrangements within a couple of days.	Yes. Sent unclassified; given to Latin ambs. White House press release.
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Khrushchev	10/28	FBIS	Reply to Kennedy letter of 10/27; will dismantle.	Yes -- broadcast.
Kennedy	10/28	Deptal 1020	Accept; consider Kennedy letter of 10/27 and Khrushchev reply as firm undertakings.	Sent unclassified; White House press release.

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